GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF CHILLY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is steep downfall in the export of chilly in the country;

(b) the total quantity of chilly exported especially from Karnataka State during each of the last three years and current year, State and country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the status of chilly exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) The export of Chilli from India has shown an increasing trend for the last three years. The export of chilli from India has increased from 113174 M.T. in 2005-06 to 148500 M.T. in 2006-07 and further to 209,000 M.T. in 2007−08. During the current year up to October 2008, 121,500 M.T. of Chilli has been exported compared to 121,420 M.T. of the same period of last year. Export of Chilly from India and Karnataka to major countries is given at Annexure I & II.

(c) Spices Board is implementing export promotional activities like, adoption of hi-tech in spice processing, technology/process upgradation, quality control, export development programmes, promotion of Indian spice brands abroad, product development and research, spice processing in North Eastern Region, etc. It is also implementing mandatory sampling procedure to boost the export of spices including Chilli from the country to ensure the quality of Chilli and Chilli products exported from India. Under this programme, samples from each and every consignment for export is tested in the Quality Evaluation Laboratory of the Board.